



TOWN OF VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Department Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 19:12 p.m. by Chief, William Call. Motion was made seconded (Robertson/Jackson) to approve the minutes from the August 31, 2015 meeting.

Training Report:

- 2016 CT Fire Academy Calendar is available online.
- CFA Connecticut Fire Officer's Weekend is scheduled for March 11-13, 2016.
- Potential grant submission for FF1 Training is being pursued.
- Blood borne Pathogens assignment will be released in Target Solutions soon.

Administration Report:

- At the next Staff Meeting a new SOG will be released pertaining to Attendance Tracking effective 1/1/16. Members will be expected to contact their Captain for meeting/drill absences. Unexcused absences will be monitored for accountability. Members will be expected to attend 6 calls per quarter and 4 drills/meetings per quarter.
- Discussion of re-qualification of apparatus drivers for those where cross training is needed and those not routinely driving may be pursued.
- Chief Call discussed the national decline of volunteer firefighters for many reasons. He acknowledged it has become more complicated and society has changed. We need trained people to go to calls. It is our job to respond when the public needs us no matter the time or type of incident being reported. Training (for our protection) is of utmost concern.
- Awards & Promotional Recognition is planned for 2/22/16 at Rockville High School. An email will follow with additional details. Recommendations must be submitted from the members to the Chiefs for Firefighter of the Year, Officer of the Year, EMT of the Year, and Junior of the Year. All other awards should be submitted to Captain Lucas by 1/1/16.

Health & Safety Report: No Report.

Board of Firefighters: No Report.

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Old Business:

- Class C uniforms have been distributed. If anyone missed the fitting dates, contact Central Supply.
- Members are reminded that parking for apparatus at Station 141 is along the curb and limited to two rows so there is room for the apparatus to park.

New Business:

- Discussion was held for Bill Graugard to be granted Non-active Lifetime Member Status after 43 years of service to the department. The motion was made/seconded Harrison/Eppler to approve the recommendation. Motion carried.
- Winterfest will be held Friday, December 4th. Line up @ Amerbelle is at 17:30. All trucks are to be decorated. Decorations may be purchased at Rocky's with a limit of \$120 per truck.
- Loom City Lofts has received certificate of occupancy and will start holding tenants soon. An email with power point presentation will follow. The main panel is on the "B" side of the building. ET-541 will tour the building on 12/7 and will assist with pre-plan information.
- Amerbelle reclamation process will start soon.
- Talcottville Mill activity will also start soon.

Good & Welfare:

- Kathy Call informed that Jimmy Doyle has passed all elements of EMT.
- Dan Robertson discussed fundraising activities for Matt Lattimer's family. Their 6 year old son has had surgery for a brain tumor and treated for a subsequent infection with extended hospitalization. Financial assistance is needed as work has been limited since the illness. Individual and fire company support is needed. Checks can be made to the Fitch Hose Company.

Upcoming Events:

- Ellington Torchlight Parade will be held on 12/5. ET-141 will attend.
- Windsor Torchlight Parade will be held on 12/12 @ 18:30. R-441 will attend.

Motion was made/seconded (Galley/Harrison) to adjourn the meeting at 20:07.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Diane Carpenter".

Diane Carpenter, Secretary